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Arbor Day Celebrated at Frady Park

Saturday, April 16, 2005

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – The public is invited to the 113th anniversary of the first Arbor Day in both Falls Church and the Commonwealth of Virginia. This free event will be held Saturday, April 16, at 3:00 pm in Frady Park, the original site of the first celebration. Frady Park is located in the 300 block of East Broad Street. Parking is available on North Fairfax Street or in the Child Development Center parking lot off North Cherry Street.

The City of Falls Church will also be presented its 28th Annual Tree City, U.S.A. award by the State Department of Forestry. Falls Church was the first community in Virginia to be awarded as a Tree City and has the longest State record for this annual award.

This year's celebration will include the planting of the 2005 Falls Church Tree-of-the-Year, the Bicolor White Oak. The work of the late Dr. Kay Bachman and Mel Bolster will be honored with the planting of trees, along with other recently deceased citizens who actively were involved in replanting Falls Church. A State official will present the City with its 28th Tree City Award and the "Story of Trees" in Falls Church will be told. A short reenactment of the original ceremony in 1892 by the Falls Church Victorian Society will be followed by a tour of the trees of Frady Park. The ceremony will conclude with refreshments. The event is sponsored by the City of Falls Church, the Falls Church Preservation and Improvement society, the Falls Church Victorian Society and the Falls Church Garden Club.

For further information call 703-532-0884 or visit www.ci.falls-church.va.us.

WHAT: Arbor Day Celebration at Frady Park
WHEN: Saturday, April 16, 2005
TIME: 3:00 p.m.
WHERE: Frady Park
300 block of East Broad Street
Falls Church, VA 22046

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